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SUBJECT: THIRD PRC TRADE DELEGATION VISITS DACCA

REFS: A. DACCA 5696 (76); B. 76 DACCA 6173; C. DACCA 1382

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. A FIVE-MEMBER PRC TRADE DELEGATION ARRIVED IN DACCA JULY 15 FOR A 30-DAY VISIT TO EXPLORE SALES OF MACHINERY TO BANGLADESH.
2. IN PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 19, DELEGATION LEADER YANG SHULWEN, DEPUTY MANAGER OF CHINA NATIONAL MACHINERY EXPORT AND IMPORT CORP., SAID CHINA HOPES TO SELL TEXTILE, GRAIN PROCESSING AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL TOOLS TO BANGLADESH UNDER TERMS OF PRC-BANGLADESH TRADE PROTOCOL SIGNED IN JANUARY 1976.

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3. NOTING VISIT OF BANGLADESHI TRADE DELEGATION TO PEKING LAST MONTH, YANG PREDICTED CHINA-BANGLADESH TRADE CONTACTS WILL INCREASE AT BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE LEVELS, AS MANIFESTATION OF INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN CLOSER ECONOMIC AND TRADE COOPERATION AMONG THRID WORLD NATIONS.

4. COMMENT: THIS VISIT REFLECTS QUICKENING OF PRC-BANGLADESH TRADE AND OTHER CONTACTS. FOLLOWING EXPLORATORY BDG TRADE VISIT TO CHINA NOVEMBER 11, 1976 (REF A), FIRST PRC DELEGATION VISITED BANGLADESH NOVEMBER 26, 1976 (REF B) TO NEGOTIATE TRADE PROTOCOL LATER SIGNED BY PRESIDENT ZIA DURING HIS STATE VISIT TO PEKING IN JANUARY 1977. THE ONE-YEAR RENEWABLE TRADE PROTOCOL ENVISAGES DOLS 14 MILLION IN TRADE EACH WAY. A SECOND PRC DELEGATION VISITED BANGLADESH IN MARCH (REF C), AND BDG TRADE TEAM SPENT SIX DAYS IN PEKING IN JUNE TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTOCOL. THESE CONTACTS HAVE NOT YET, HOWEVER, PRODUCED MAJOR NEW TRADE. (IN FY 1975 BANGLADESH'S EXPORTS TO CHINA WERE DOLS 2.9 MILLION; WHILE IMPORTS FROM CHINA WERE DOLS 4.8 MILLION; FY 1976 DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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5. CHIEF OF BDG MINISTRY OF COMMERCE IMPORT DIVISION TOLD EMBOFF JULY 20 THAT HE HAS FOUND DURING TRAVEL ABROAD THE CHINA HAS OFFERED BETTER PRICES FOR ITS EXPORTS TO OTHER TRADING PARTNERS, FOR EXAMPLE, NEPAL, THEN TO BANGLADESH. IF TRUE, THIS, AS WELL AS PRC'S REPORTED ABILITY TO BUY JUTE FROM OTHER SOURCES, MAY BE OBSTACLES TO REACHING DOLS 14 MILLION TARGETS OF BDG-PRC TRADE PROTOCOL. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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